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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 5-168588 published July 2, 1993 together with an English language abstract;
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 8-24218 published January 30, 1996 together with an English language abstract; and
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-556 published January 8, 2002 together with an English language abstract.

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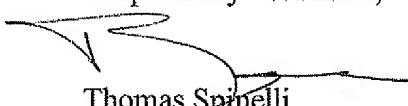

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The references listed above were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated March 11, 2008. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with a copy of the Japanese Office Action. The references are cited in the Office Action.

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